

Opportunities for Connectivity: The American River Parkway as a Hub



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Conserving the Wild

- ◆ "My fascination with the relationship between preserved areas and those who have gone out of their way to save them dates back to childhood. Over the course of hundreds of visits to wildlands on seven continents, **I have yet to find an place saved strictly by the vote of a democratic majority or the benevolence of a government. Passionate individuals have always played a leading role.**"


Galen Rowell

How a Trail Corridor is Established

Three factors vital to a successful trail

- ◆ Vision
- ◆ Dedication
- ◆ Perseverance

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Vision

- ◆ Personal Vision – get the ball rolling
- ◆ Group Vision – get it into public process
- ◆ Collective Vision – get the community on board

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Dedication

- ◆ Meet the challenge
- ◆ Financing
- ◆ The planning process
- ◆ Ability to overcome obstacles, i.e., NIMBYs
 - Litter
 - Vandalism
 - Crime
 - Property Value

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Perseverance

Ability to Withstand Threats to the Corridor

- ◆ Incompatible adjacent land uses
- ◆ Water diversion
- ◆ Potential transit and highway corridors
- ◆ Inappropriate developments within the corridor
- ◆ What is an asset to some, is not to others
- ◆ Operation and maintenance funding

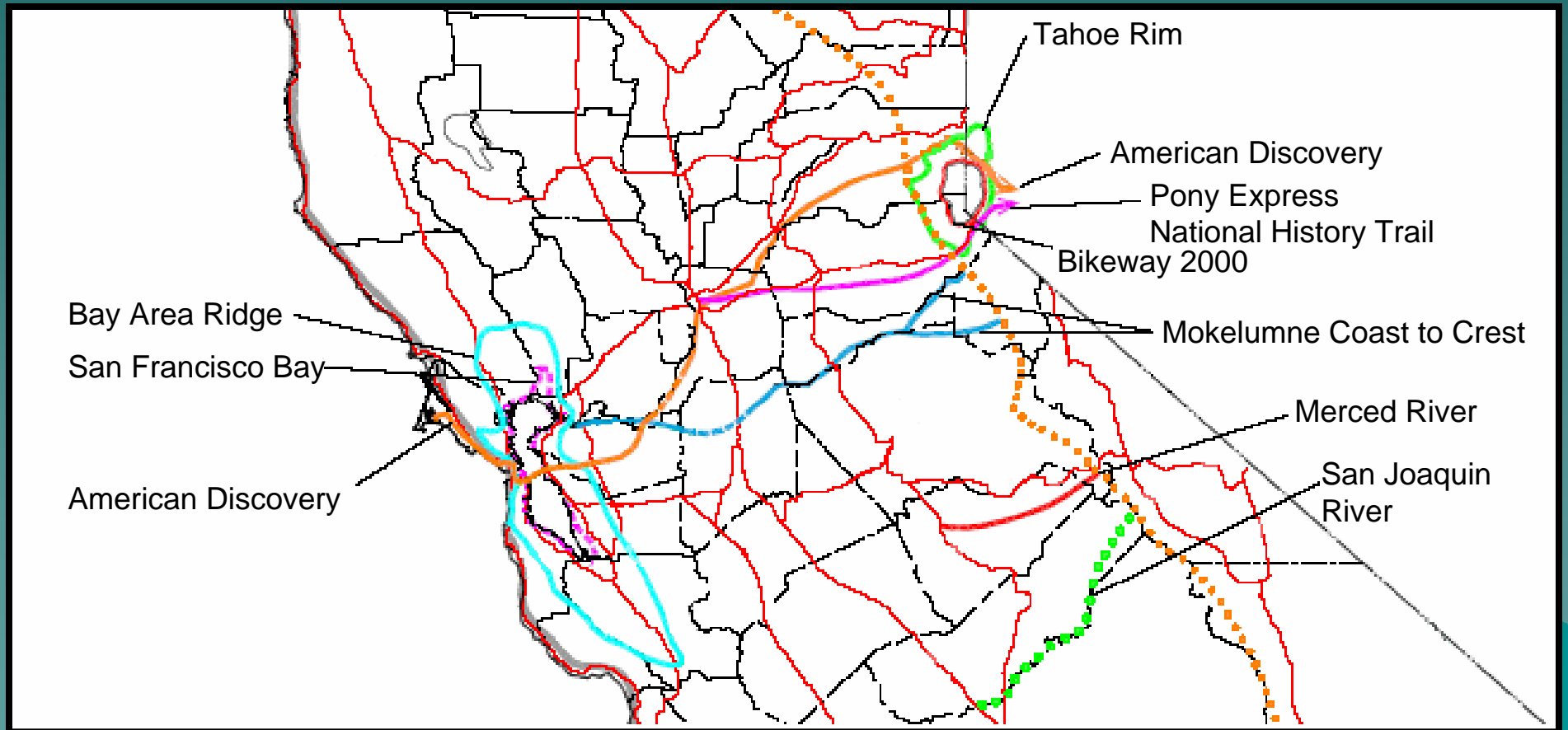
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A scenic photograph of a river. On the left bank, there is a dense line of trees with green and yellow foliage. The river reflects the sky and the trees. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text "The American River Parkway" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The American River Parkway

The Realization of a
Vision & Beyond

Opportunities for Connectivity



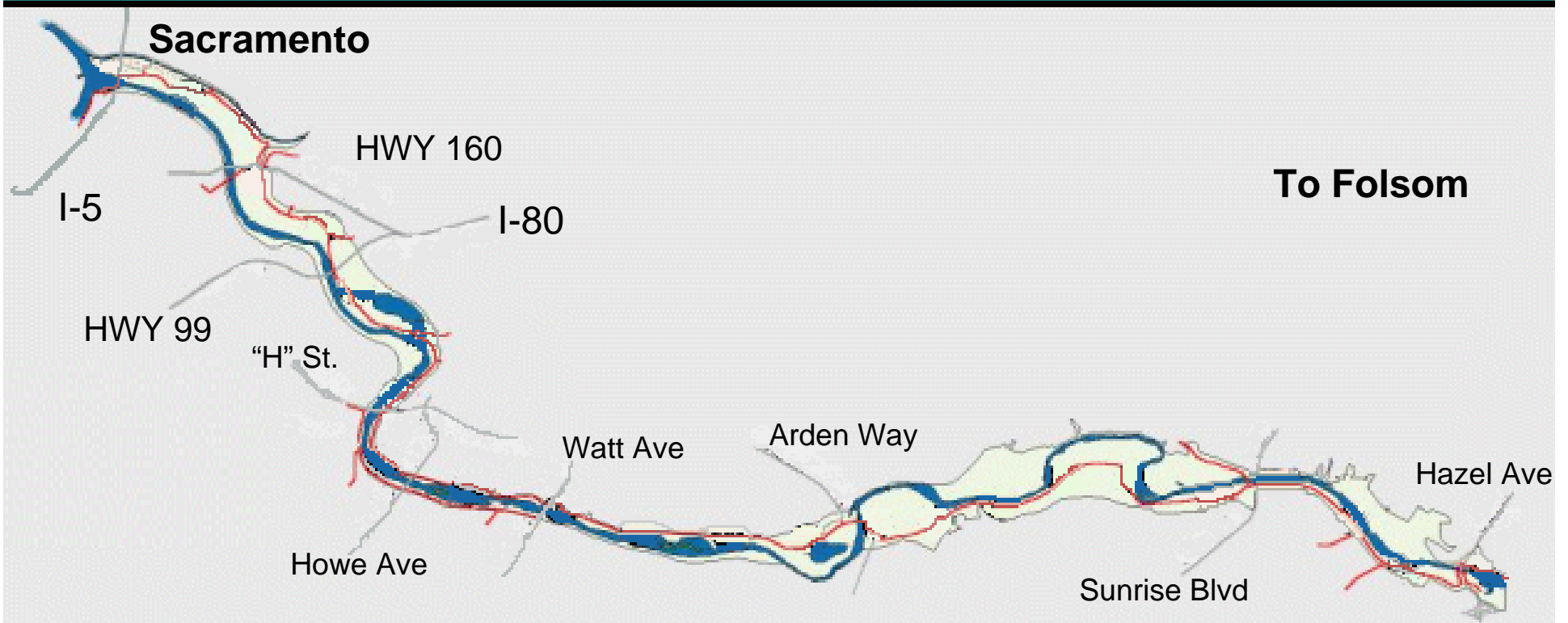
The American River Parkway

- ◆ 32 miles of parkway from Old Sacramento to Folsom Lake
- ◆ A multi-use paved bicycle trail and a separate equestrian and walking trail
- ◆ Also known as the Jedediah Smith National Recreational Trail




The American River Parkway

A Catalyst



Connectivity Visions

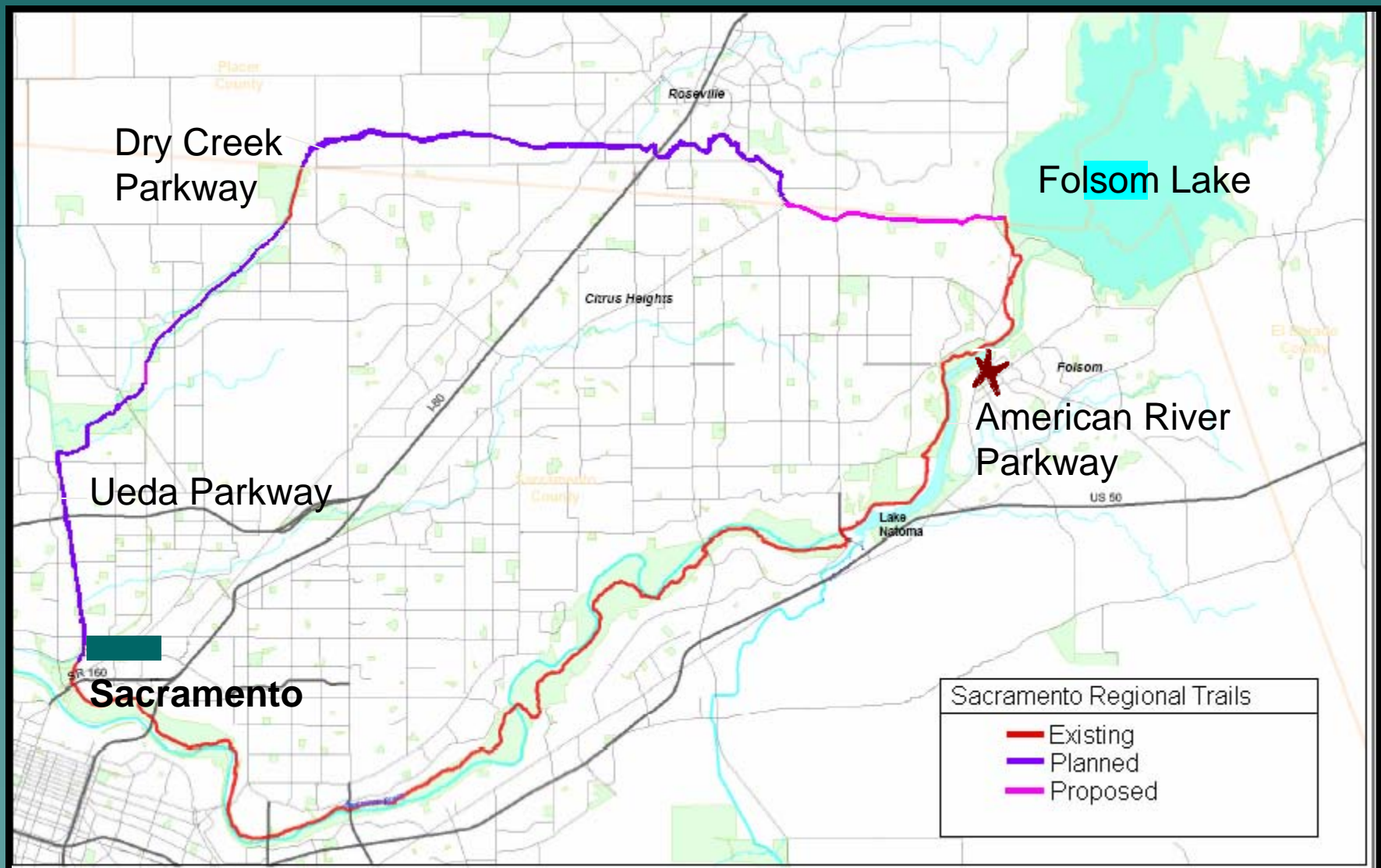
- ◆ Continuous Loop
 - ◆ Dry Creek Parkway
 - ◆ Ueda Parkway
 - ◆ Sacramento Northern Bike Trail
 - ◆ Folsom Regional Trails
 - ◆ Western State Pioneer Express Trail
 - ◆ South Fork of the American River
 - ◆ West Sacramento-Sacramento Loop
 - ◆ Laguna Creek Corridor
 - ◆ Central California Traction Co.
Corridor
 - ◆ American Discovery Trail
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The Continuous Loop

- ◆ Over 70 miles of continuous trails
- ◆ Includes:
 - American River Parkway/Lake Natoma
 - Dry Creek Parkway
 - Ueda Parkway
 - Sacramento Northern Rail Trail



The Continuous Loop



Lake Natoma Extensions

The map displays the Lake Natoma area, including the city of Folsom and the surrounding region. The map is overlaid with several colored lines and labels indicating different types of extensions or developments. A red line outlines a large area extending from the city towards the south. A yellow line outlines a smaller area extending from the city towards the south. A green line outlines a large area extending from the city towards the south. A blue line outlines a smaller area extending from the city towards the south. Labels on the map include 'Orangevale', 'Folsom', 'Lake Natoma', 'Sailor Bar Park', 'Folsom Lake', 'Sacramento', and 'Alder Creek'. An inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of Lake Natoma relative to Sacramento and Folsom Lake.



Lake Natoma Extensions



◆ Extended from Hazel Avenue to Folsom Lake in the 1970's

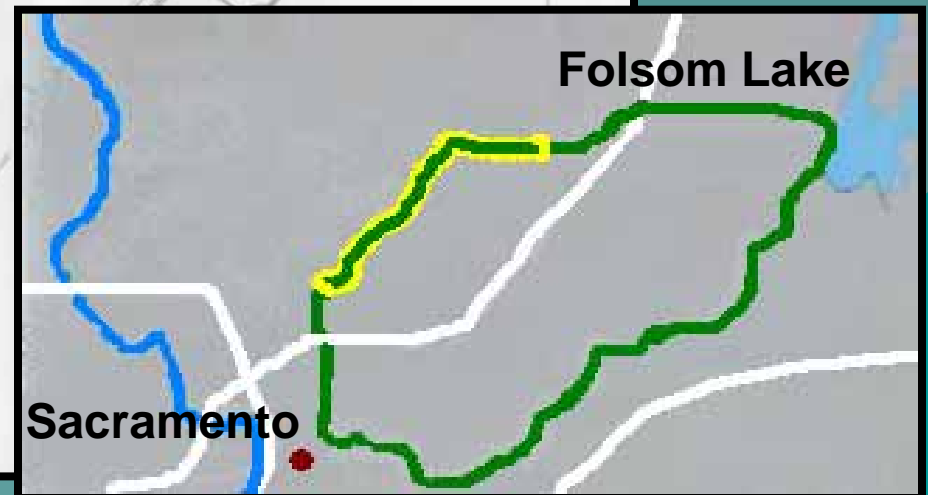
Lake Natoma Extensions

- ◆ South side trail added 1998-2000
 - Hazel Avenue undercrossing-\$611,000
 - U.S. Highway 50 crossing-\$1,130,000
 - Alder Creek Bridge-\$684,000
 - Alder Creek to Folsom-\$415,000

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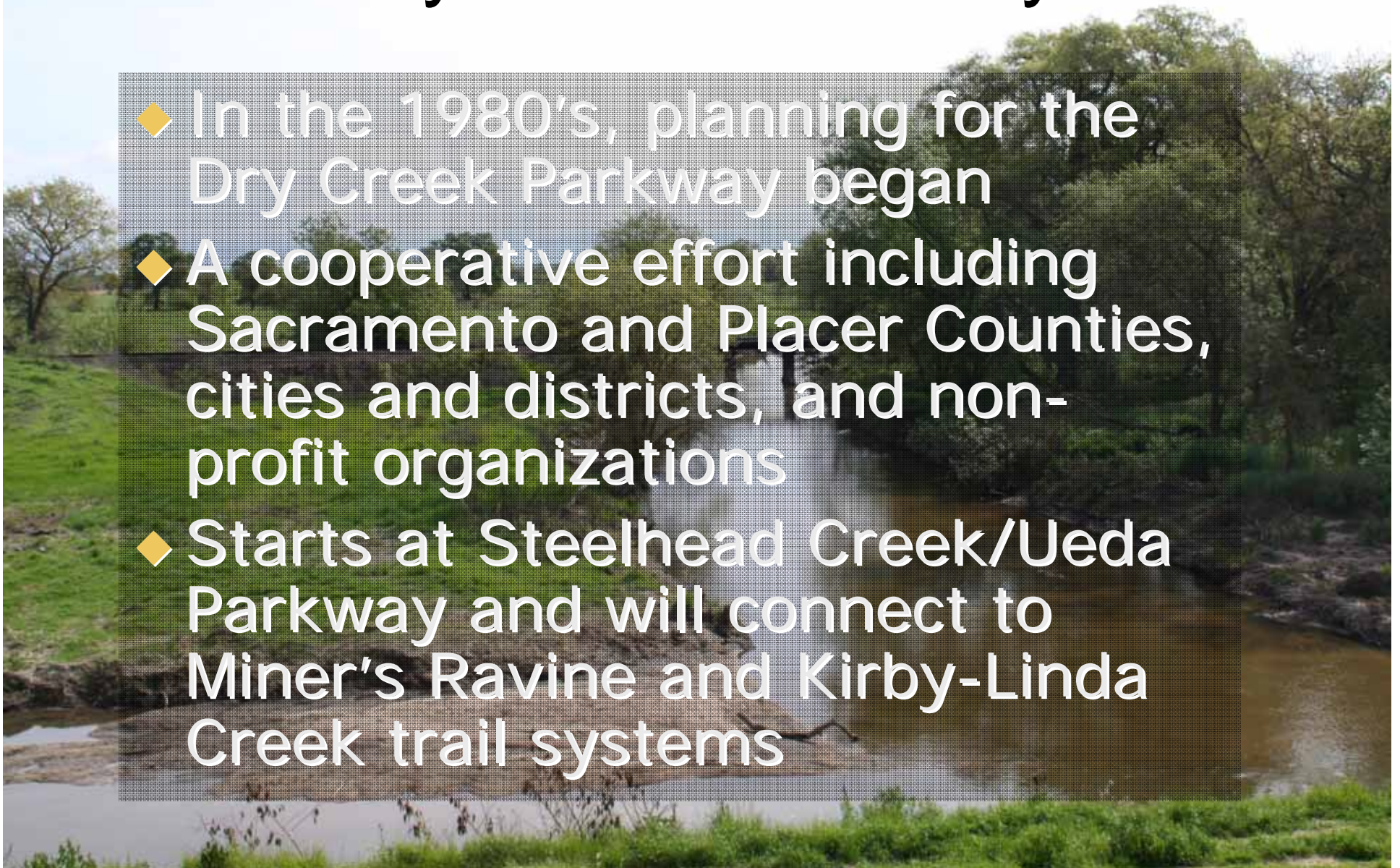


Dry Creek Parkway

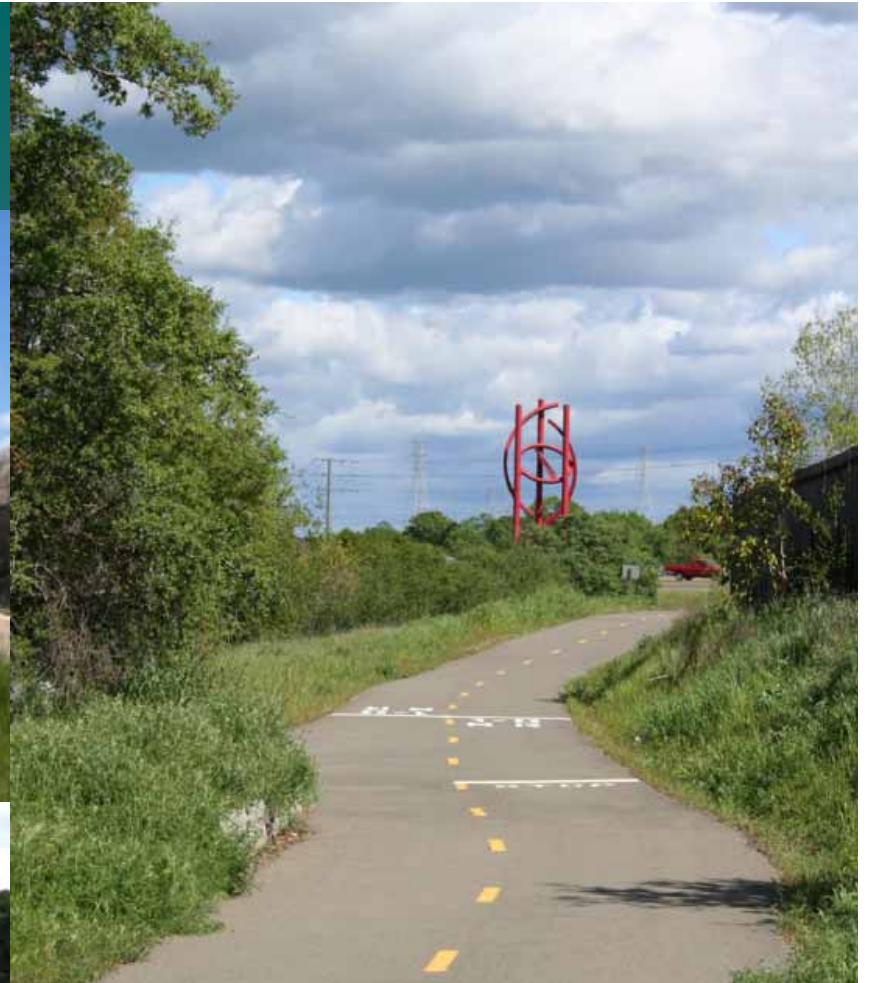


Dry Creek Parkway

- ◆ In the 1980's, planning for the Dry Creek Parkway began
- ◆ A cooperative effort including Sacramento and Placer Counties, cities and districts, and non-profit organizations
- ◆ Starts at Steelhead Creek/Ueda Parkway and will connect to Miner's Ravine and Kirby-Linda Creek trail systems



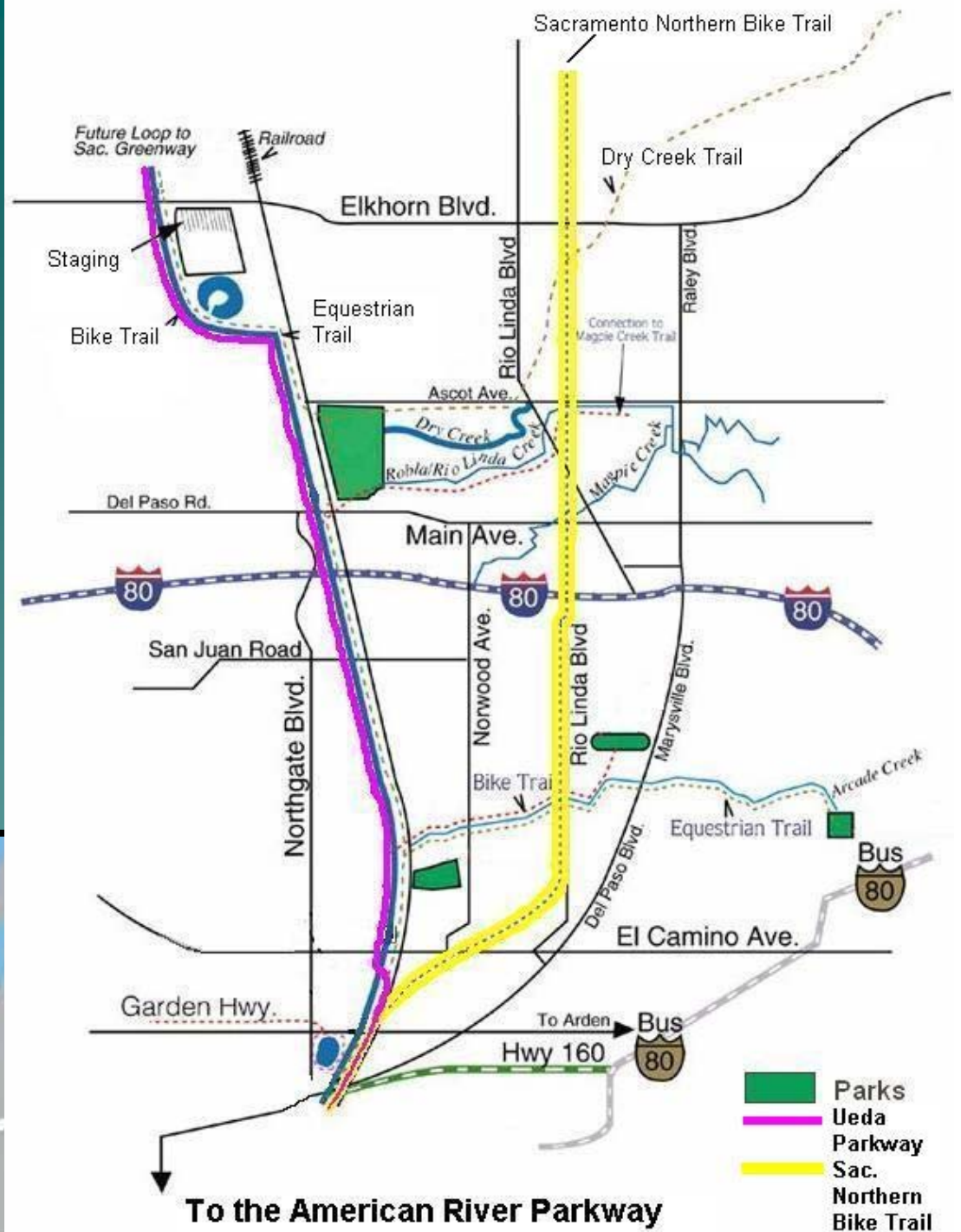
Miner's Ravine Trail



Ueda Parkway

- ◆ The planning of the parkway has been underway since 1994
- ◆ 10 miles in length, the parkway will have a total of 12.5 miles of trails
- ◆ Runs along Steelhead Creek from the Jedediah Smith Trail to Elkhorn Boulevard

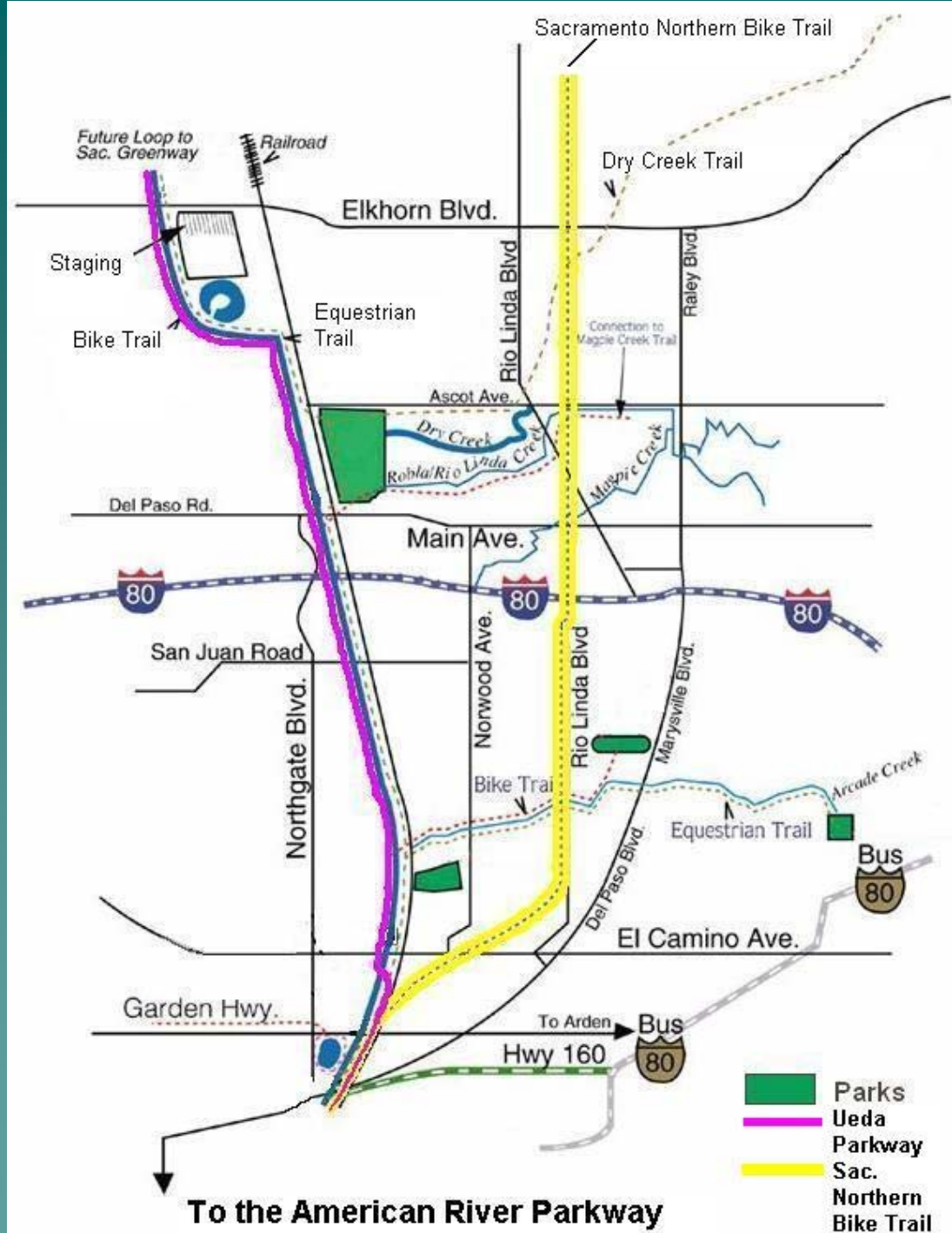
Ueda Parkway



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Sacramento Northern Bike Trail



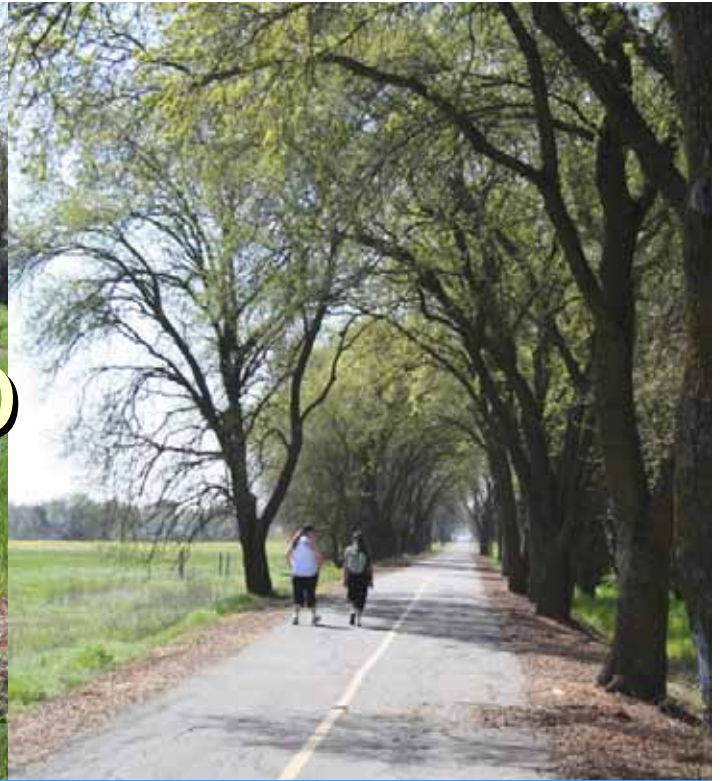
Sacramento Northern Bike Trail

- ◆ Rail-to-Trail
- ◆ 16 miles in length
- ◆ Runs from Rio Linda to Sacramento
- ◆ Connects with the Jedediah Smith Trail





Sacramento Northern Bike Trail



Folsom Regional Trails

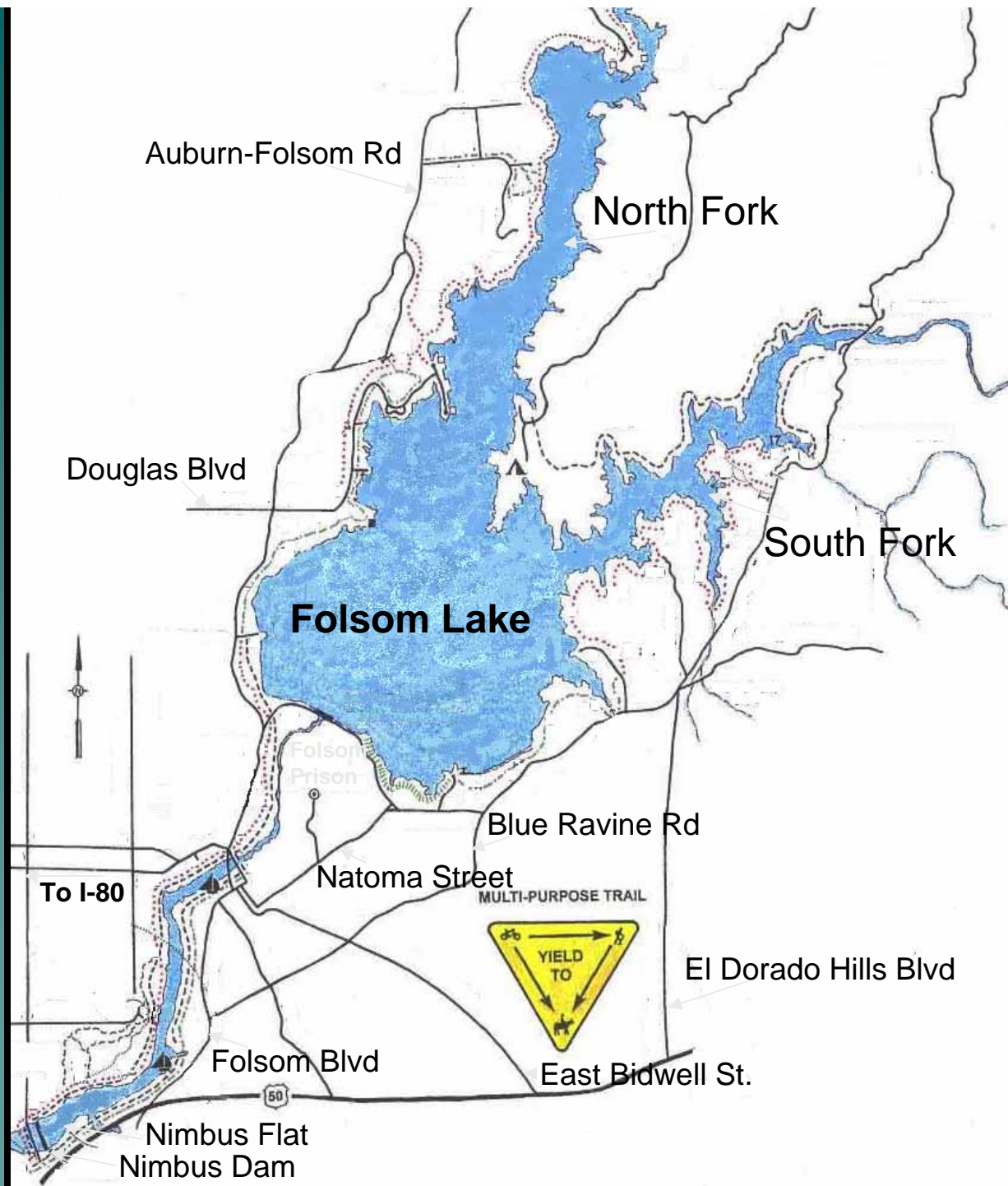
- ◆ Started in the 1970's
- ◆ Currently 20 miles of trails in the City of Folsom
- ◆ Plans to increase to 50 miles of trails
- ◆ 95% are paved bike trails
- ◆ Connections to American River Parkway

Folsom Regional Trails

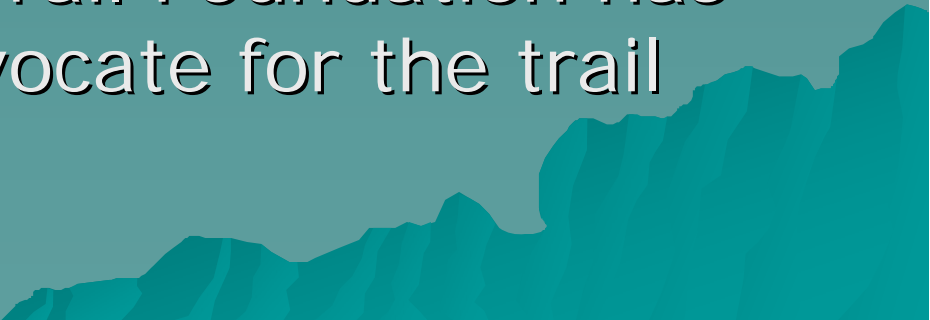


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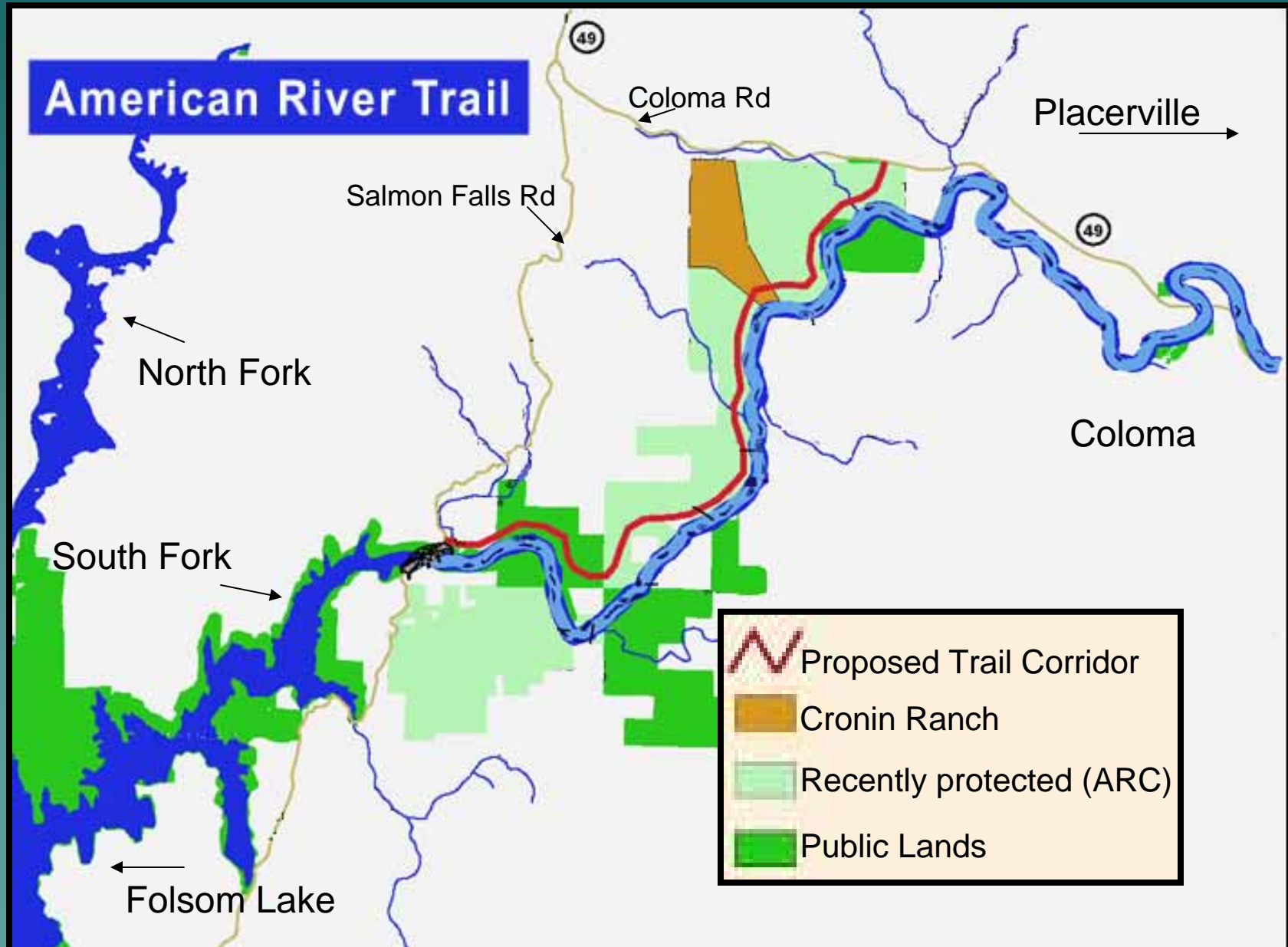
Western States/Pioneer Express Trail

- ◆ Begins in Salt Lake City, Utah and ends in Sacramento, California
 - ◆ Originally used by Native Americans of the Paiute & Washoe Tribes
 - ◆ Major route for settlers in the 1850's
 - ◆ 1955, Wendell T. Robie established the WST Ride
 - ◆ The Western States Trail Foundation has been the primary advocate for the trail
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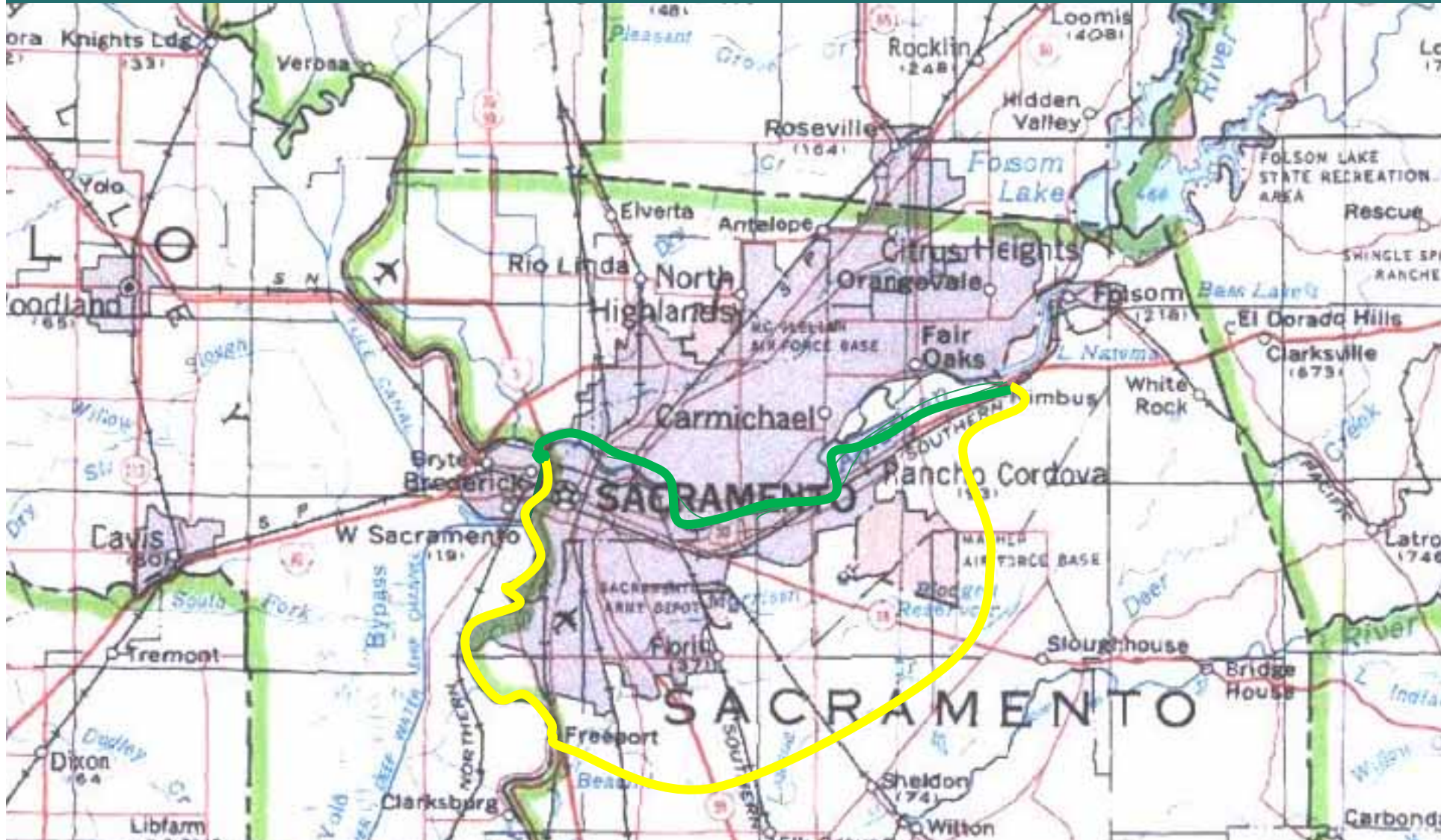
South Fork of the American River

- ◆ Connects Folsom Lake Trails to Coloma
 - ◆ Working to protect this corridor since the 1990's
 - ◆ Would run 8 miles along the South Fork
 - ◆ A multi-purpose trail
 - ◆ The American River Conservancy has been the leading advocate
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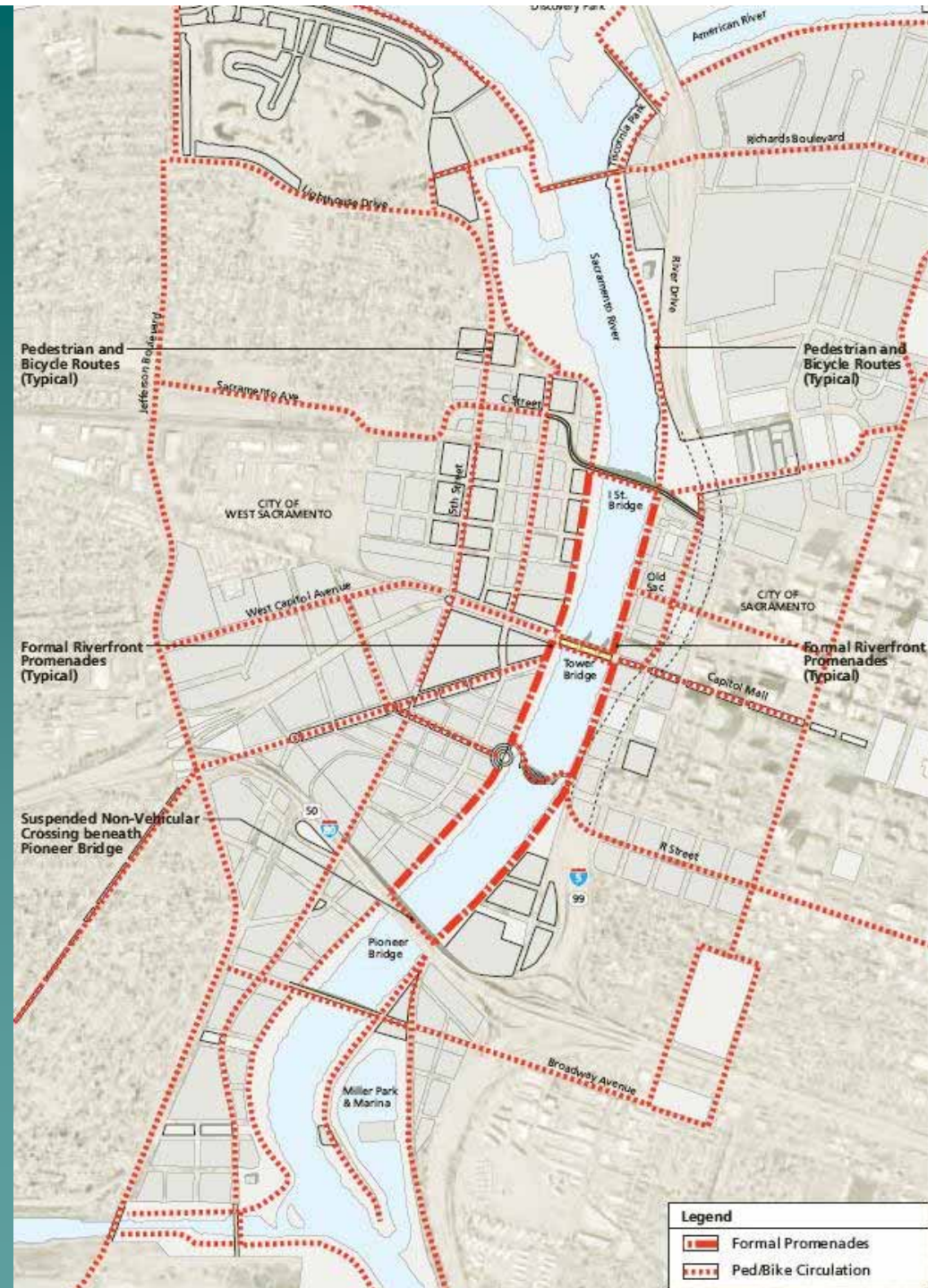
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Sacramento River Loop



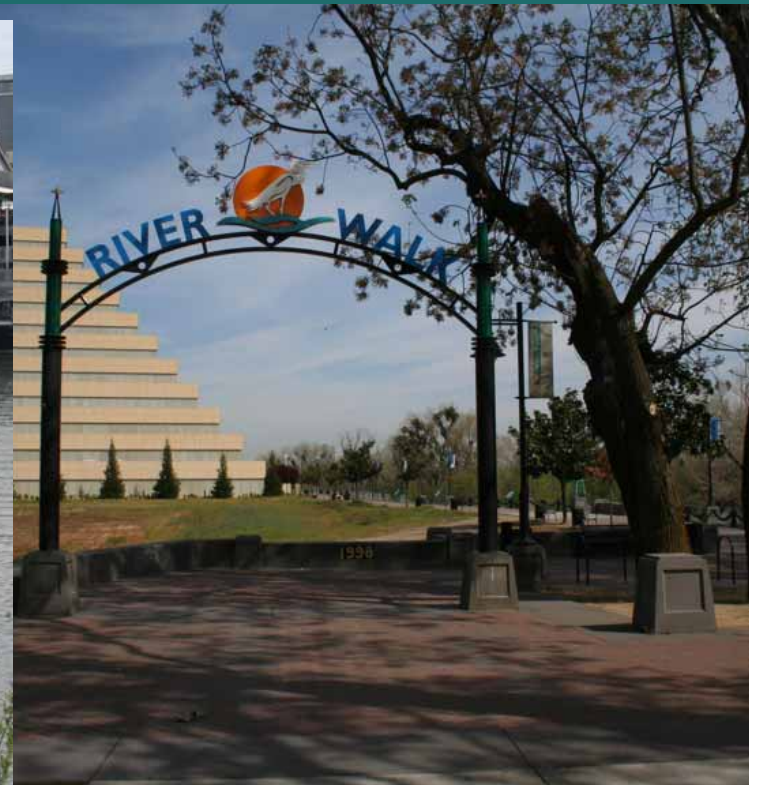
Sacramento River Connections



West Sacramento & Sacramento River Walks



Sacramento River Trail



West Sacramento

Sacramento River Trail- Sacramento



Currently runs intermittently
along Sacramento River from
the American River through
Old Sacramento to Freeport



Sacramento River Trail-Sacramento



Two Rivers Trail



- ◆ Will connect Sacramento River Trail to Sutters Landing Park
- ◆ Currently from (I-5) Tiscornia Park to Highway 160 (about 2 ½ miles)



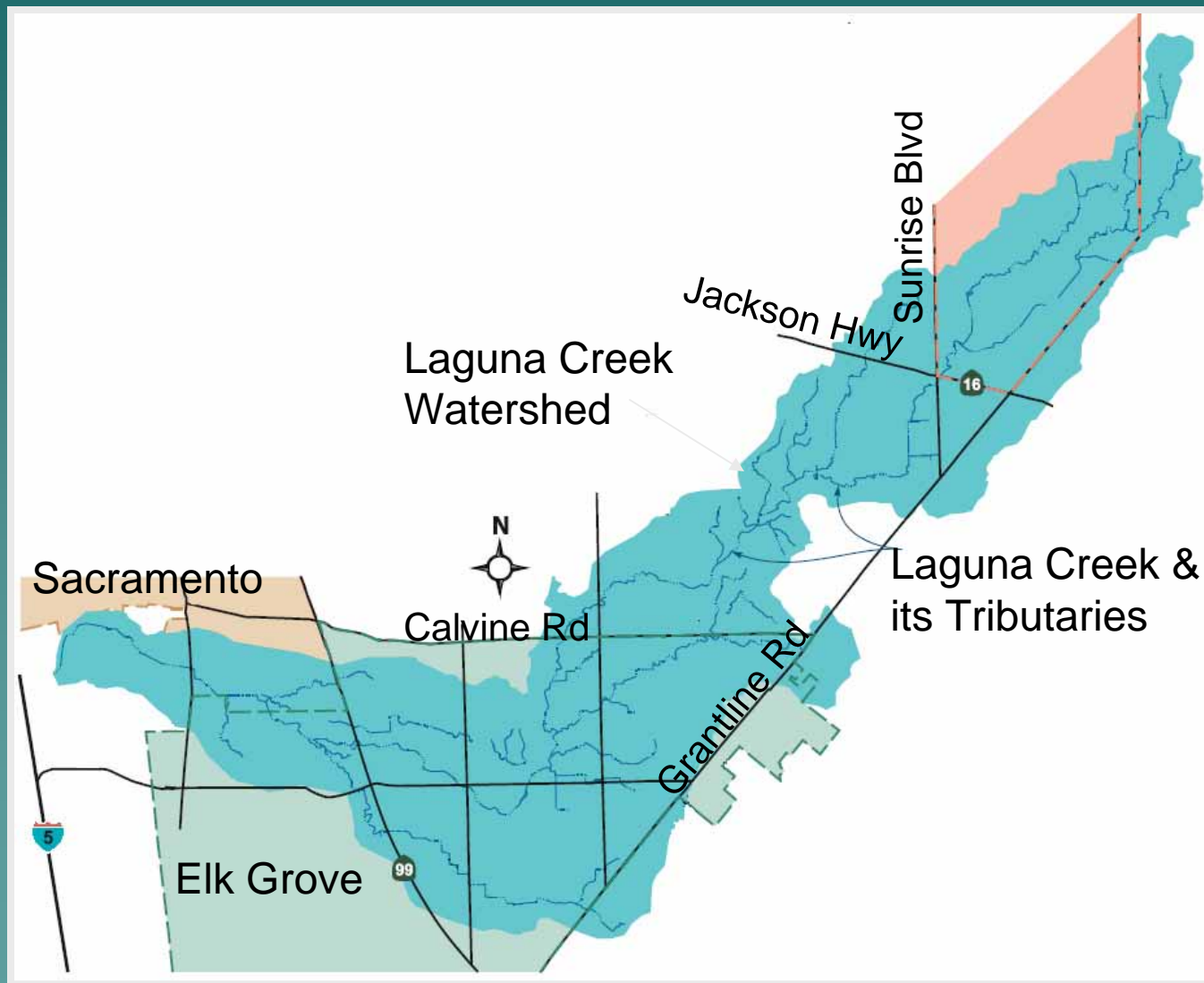
Laguna Creek Corridor

- ◆ The master plan would be carried out from 2008 to 2023
- ◆ The corridor would be part of a 100-mile open space and trail system in the Sacramento region
- ◆ A collaboration between state, regional, local & non-profit agencies

Laguna Creek Corridor



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CCTC Corridor

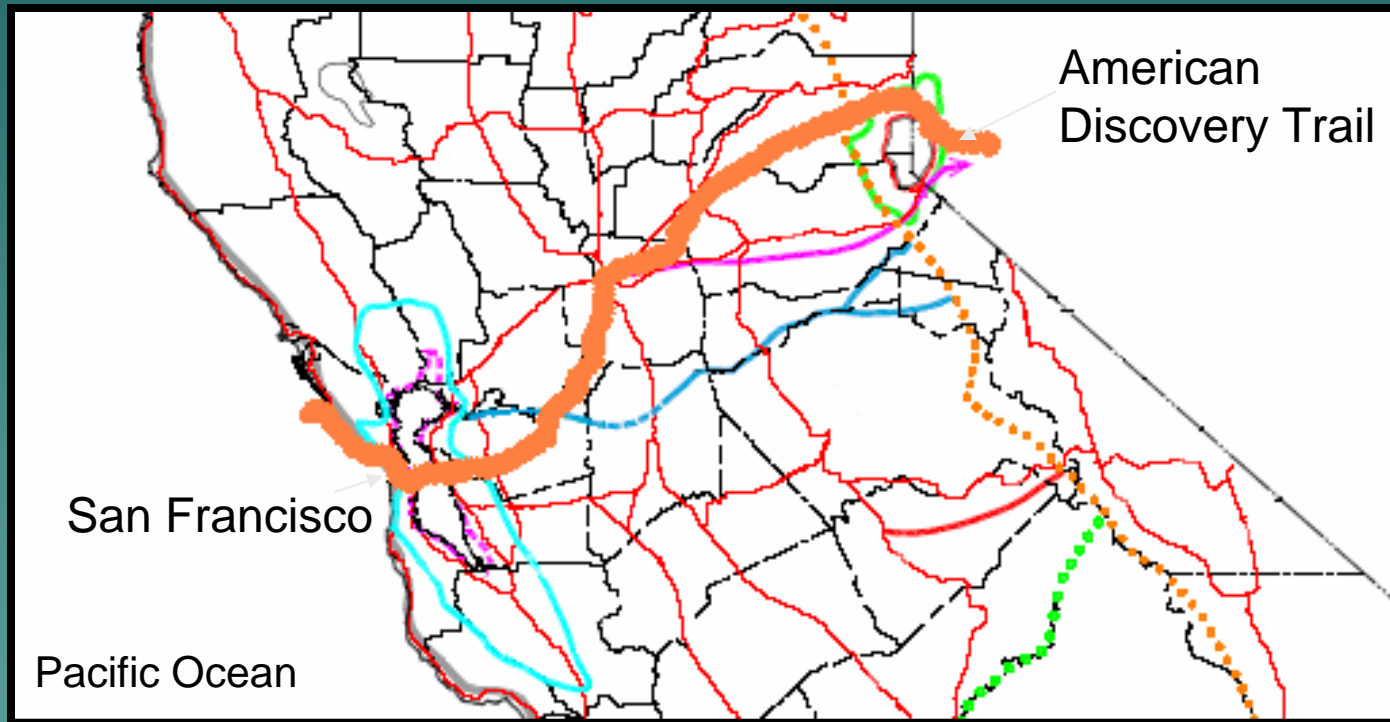
(Central California Traction Co.)

- ◆ Proposed Rail-to-Trail
- ◆ Will run 27.5 miles
- ◆ Proposed hiking, biking and equestrian trail
- ◆ To run from Lodi to Sacramento
- ◆ Eventually hooking up the American River Parkway


American Discovery Trail

- ◆ The Grand Opening was in 2000
 - ◆ Runs through 14 national parks, 16 national forests and 15 states
 - ◆ Only coast to coast non-motorized recreation trail
 - ◆ Begins in Delaware and ends at Point Reyes National Seashore on the Pacific Ocean
 - ◆ Backpacker Magazine and American Hiking Society initiated the project
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Lets Go Rafting!

